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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Charles I. Onwulata

Serial No.: 10/686,834

Examiner: A.J. Weier

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Group Art Unit: 1761

For: Food Products Containing Texturized Milk Proteins

**REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action (Requirement for Restriction) dated 26 September 2005, Applicant hereby elects, albeit with traverse, the "invention" of Group I, namely Claims 1-14 drawn to a dietary fiber composition (claims 1-13) and a fiber enriched food product containing the dietary fiber composition (claim 14).

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. The foregoing election is traversed in that it is believed that the three group of claims set up by the Examiner are drawn to sufficiently interrelated inventions to warrant examination thereof in a single application. Indeed, the processes of the Group II and III "inventions" were designed specifically to utilize the product of the Group I "invention". The respective fields of search would be approximately coextensive; thus, the respective "inventions" indeed have not necessarily acquired separate status in the arts.

From the foregoing, examination on the merits of all the claims of record is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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